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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	ROSENGART	)	Examiner:	Henry M. Johnson III
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Application Number:	10/706,506	)	Group Art Unit:	3739
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Filed:	November 12, 2003	)	Confirmation No.:	7219
		)		
Docket No.:	3183-002-01	)	Customer No.	33432

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CUTTING A HEART VALVE

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 23, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.